

Wellesley Council on Aging Board Meeting
November 18, 2013

Attending: Voting Members: Sandra Budson, Linda Cohen, Mary Dummer, Susan Kagan-Lange, Miguel Lessing, Sr. Alice McCourt, Bill Murphy, Sheila Nugent, John Schuler, and Joellen Toussaint.

Associate Members: Mary Bowers, Jack Cross, Judy Keefe, Joanne Kilsdonk, Penny Lawrence, Shirley Quinn Dianne Sullivan, Richard Ten Eyck. Director of Senior Services Gayle Thieme.

Absent: Stanley Hodges, Diane Lapon, Eleanor Sullivan, and Harriet Warshaw. Guests: Tom Kealy and Lorraine Clough, Volunteer Coordinator.

John Schuler, Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. There were no requests for Citizen Speak.

Minutes of the October 28, 2013 meeting were unanimously accepted as amended after a motion by Joellen Toussaint seconded by Sheila Nugent.

Lorraine Clough was introduced as the COA Volunteer Coordinator, a new staff position, hired November 3. After her introductory remarks, Lorraine was welcomed and offered the Board's best wishes.

Staff reports elicited a couple of questions answered by Gayle Thieme, specifically on the town-wide phone initiative and the new MWRTA Route 8 bus service. Gayle proceeded to explain Special Town Meeting Article 3, Motion 3 which addresses funding to extend the services of the Transportation Options Coordinator beyond the period covered by an expiring grant. She also described the process the Town follows when surplus budgeted funds remain at the end of a fiscal year, which in COA's case is likely to occur with COA transportation funding since the reduction in service hours was effected.

Committee updates followed. Miguel Lessing, Finance, expressed confidence that the year will end with expenditures falling within budget allocations. Dianne Sullivan, Transportation, explained the Town's Executive Director's suggestion to increase COA bus fares. After an animated discussion, the Board voted to maintain fares for FY15 without change. The motion was presented by Joellen Toussaint and seconded by Bill Murphy.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30PM to attend sessions of the Wellesley Planning Board and the Board of Selectmen which were discussing matters related to the Tolles Parsons Building proposal.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for November 18 at the Wellesley Community Center at 7:00 PM.

Presented by

Miguel Lessing, Secretary